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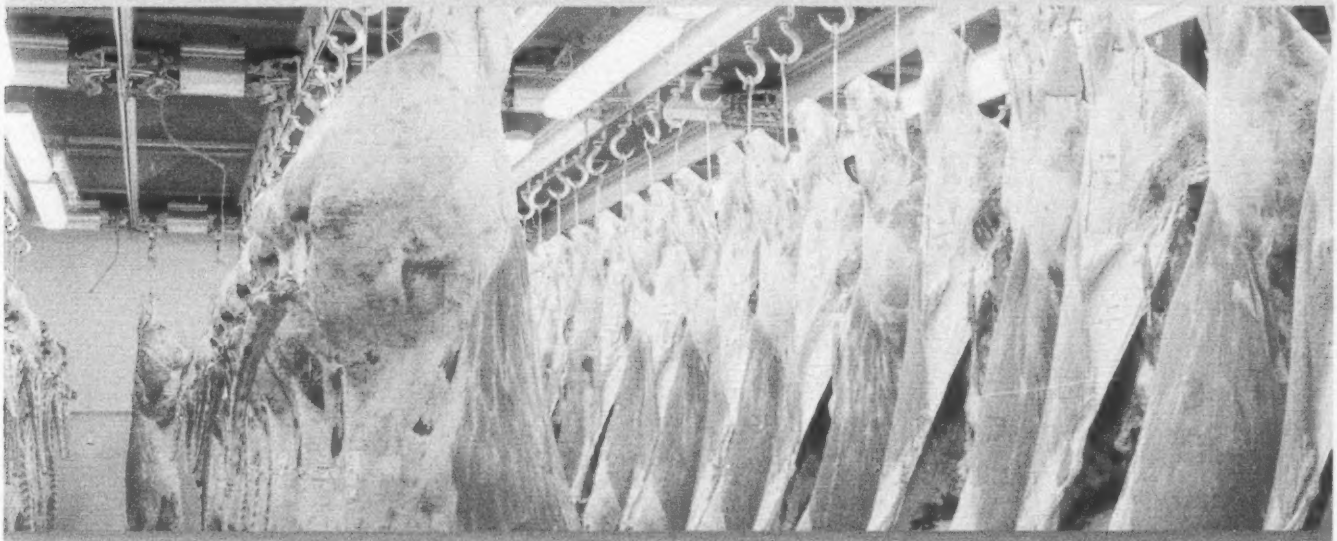

Requirements for Operators of Abattoirs, Rendering Plants and Dead Stock Collection Centres

Livestock Identification and Traceability Program

Canada

The objective of the national Livestock Identification and Traceability program is to provide accurate and up-to-date livestock identity, movement and location information to mitigate the impact of disease outbreaks, food safety issues and natural disasters.

This brochure provides an overview of federal livestock identification and traceability requirements. Note that provincial and territorial requirements may also apply.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

What identification do animals need to have when they arrive at the abattoir?

Cattle, bison and sheep

An approved tag

Pigs

An approved tag or approved slap tattoo

What identification do dead stock need when they arrive at the rendering plant or dead stock collection centre?

Cattle, bison and sheep

An approved tag

Pigs

No identification requirement

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATORS OF ABATTOIRS

Note that these requirements apply to all abattoirs, including those that are not inspected by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) such as mobile abattoirs.

As an abattoir operator, you must

- be able to identify the carcasses of livestock in the abattoir (which carcass came from which animal) until a carcass is either approved for human consumption or condemned, and
- keep a record of the identification number(s) of the approved and revoked tag(s) that have been applied to any animals that are slaughtered or die for any reason on your site.

You do not have to remove approved or revoked tags from slaughtered, or otherwise dead animals.

Reporting requirements for operators of abattoirs

CATTLE, BISON AND SHEEP: You must report the identification number of the approved and revoked tag(s) borne by the animal to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency within 30 days of the animal's death or slaughter. This corresponds to "retiring a tag".

PIGS: You must collect and report the following information to the Canadian Pork Council within seven days of receiving pigs:

- the number of pigs and pig carcasses that arrived at your abattoir;
- the date and time that the conveyance arrived at your abattoir;
- the location of both the departure site and your abattoir;
- the identification numbers on the approved tags OR the approved slap tattoos; and
- the licence plate of the conveyance that transported the pigs.

SHEEP: You are not required to report the identification number(s) of approved tags to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency.

IMPORTATION FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER

If you import CATTLE, BISON AND SHEEP for immediate slaughter, they do not need to be identified with an approved tag.

If you import PIGS for immediate slaughter, they need to be identified with an approved tag or slap tattoo issued by the foreign country. You must also report the following information to the Canadian Pork Council:

- the location of the last site at which the pig was kept before it was imported,
- the location to which the pig was imported,
- the date on which the pig was received,
- the identification number on the pig's approved tag or slap tattoo, and
- the licence plate number of the conveyance by which the pig was imported.

You must keep all records noted in this document for five years for pigs and two years for cattle, bison and sheep.

Under the federal *Health of Animals Regulations*, custodians of:

Cattle, bison and sheep must report to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency by visiting the Canadian Livestock Tracking System's website: www.clia.livestockid.ca.

Pigs and farmed wild boars must report to the Canadian Pork Council by visiting the PigTrace website: https://pigtrace.traceability.ca/login.

These are the "responsible administrators" for these two groups of livestock.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATORS OF RENDERING PLANTS AND DEAD STOCK COLLECTION CENTRES

You may remove approved or revoked tags from dead stock.

CATTLE, BISON AND SHEEP DEAD STOCK: You must report the identification number of the approved and revoked tag(s) borne by the animal to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency within 30 days of receiving dead stock. This corresponds to "retiring a tag".

For cattle, bison or sheep dead stock that do not bear an approved or revoked tag, you must collect and report the following information to the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency within 30 days of disposing of the dead stock:

- the site from which the dead stock was removed,
- the date that the dead stock was removed from that site, and
- the name and address of the owner or person who had the possession, care or control of the dead stock when it was removed from that site.

PIG DEAD STOCK: You must collect and report the following information to the Canadian Pork Council within seven days of receiving the dead stock:

- the location of the departure site;
- either the name of the operator of the destination site or the location of the destination site;
- the date that the dead stock arrived at the destination site; and
- the licence plate number of the conveyance that transported the dead stock.

Please note that requirements related to pigs will apply as of July 1, 2014 and as of July 1, 2015 for farmed wild boars.

Pig dead stock arriving at your site must be accompanied by the required information outlined above in a form that can be immediately read by an inspector. This may be a manifest or other shipping document. It can be either electronic or hard copy.

Pig dead stock does not have to be identified.

For additional information on the regulatory requirements and on Canada's Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, please visit the CFIA website: www.inspection.gc.ca/traceability

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Definitions:

Livestock traceability:
The ability to follow an animal or dead stock from one point in the supply chain to another.

Revoked Tag:
A tag initially approved under the national livestock identification and traceability program, which is no longer approved.

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